

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) A regeneration method of regenerating a filter fabric comprising at least the steps of:

~~fibrillation treatment for fibrillating a used~~

~~filter fabric; and~~

~~nonwoven treatment for producing a nonwoven fabric~~

~~from fibers obtained by the fibrillation treatment fibrillating.~~

2. (Currently amended) The regeneration method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of ~~powder dust separation treatment for separating~~ powder dust adhering to the fibers obtained by the ~~fibrillation treatment~~ fibrillating prior to the producing of the nonwoven treatment fabric.

3. (Currently amended) The regeneration method according to ~~any one~~ ~~of claims~~ claim 1 [[and]] or 2, wherein the ~~used filter fabric is fibrillated~~ fibrillating is effected by an automatic fibrillating apparatus ~~in the fibrillation~~ treatment.

4. (Currently amended) The regeneration method according to ~~any one~~ ~~of claims~~ claim 1 to 3 or 2, wherein the used filter fabric is a filter fabric ~~added~~ carrying a chemical agent for decomposing both dioxin and ~~dioxin origin~~ substances from which dioxin may be produced so as to prevent dioxin from adhering to the filter fabric while the filter fabric is being used.

5. (Currently amended) The regeneration method according to ~~any one~~ ~~of claims~~ claim 1 to 4 or 2, wherein the used filter fabric is mainly ~~made up~~ comprised of PTFE fibers.

6. (Currently amended) The regeneration method according to ~~any one~~ ~~of claims~~ claim 1 to 5 or 2, wherein the used filter fabric ~~contains~~ is comprised of at least PTFE fibers and inorganic fibers.

7. (Currently amended) A regenerated filter fabric comprising at least a dust collection layer which is mainly ~~made up~~ comprised of fibrillated fibers obtained by fibrillating a used filter fabric.

8. (Original) The regenerated filter fabric according to claim 7 further comprising a base cloth to which the dust collection layer is fixed.

9. (Currently amended) The regenerated filter fabric according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the dust collection layer is ~~made up~~ comprised of the fibrillated fibers mixed with auxiliary fibers.

10. (Currently amended) The regenerated filter fabric according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 to 9 or 8, wherein the dust collection layer is ~~formed by~~ comprises a nonwoven fabric produced from fibers which ~~make up~~ the dust collection layer itself by nonwoven treatment comprised of the fibrillated fibers.

11. (Currently amended) The regenerated filter fabric according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 to 10 or 8, wherein the used filter fabric is mainly ~~made up~~ comprised of PTFE fibers.

12. (Currently amended) The regenerated filter fabric according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 7 to 11 or 8, wherein the used filter fabric ~~contains~~ is comprised of at least PTFE fibers and inorganic fibers.